

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In further response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2009, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Independent claims 17, 26, 31, 35, and 38 have been amended and claim 40 has been canceled.

**Examiner Interviews**

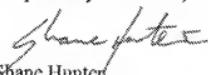
Applicants thank the Examiner for the phone interviews of September 24, 2009. Applicants and the Examiner discussed independent claims 1, 17, 26, 31 and 35. The Examiner proposed amending claims 17, 26, 31 and 35. Applicants respectfully believe that the amendments above reflect the Examiner's suggestions and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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